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Organization and work of the Conference

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Introduction

1. At its sixty-sixth session, the General Assembly, in its resolution 66/33 of 2 December 2011, took note of the decision of the parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, following appropriate consultations, to hold the first session of the Preparatory Committee in Vienna from 30 April to 11 May 2012.

2. Accordingly, the Committee held its first session in Vienna from 30 April to 11 May 2012. Following the decisions taken at the first session, the Committee held its second session in Geneva from 22 April to 3 May 2013 and its third session in New York from 28 April to 9 May 2014. Reports covering the first two sessions of the Committee were issued, respectively, as documents NPT/CONF.2015/PC.I/14 and NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/12.

3. The final report of the Preparatory Committee, adopted on 9 May 2014 (NPT/CONF.2015/1), was issued as a document of the Conference prior to its opening. The report included, inter alia, the draft rules of procedure, the provisional agenda of the Conference and the proposed allocation of items to the Main Committees of the Conference.

4. Pursuant to the request of the Preparatory Committee, the United Nations Secretariat, the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean, the Pacific Islands Forum secretariat, the African Union Commission, Malaysia on behalf of the States parties to the Treaty on the South-East Asia Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone, Kyrgyzstan in its capacity as the depositary of the Treaty on a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Central Asia and Mongolia prepared the following papers, which were submitted to the Conference as background documents:

(a) United Nations Secretariat:

Implementation of the resolution on the Middle East adopted by the 1995 Review and Extension Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT/CONF.2015/6);

(b) International Atomic Energy Agency:

Activities of the International Atomic Energy Agency relevant to article III of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT/CONF.2015/13);

Activities of the International Atomic Energy Agency relevant to article IV of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT/CONF.2015/14);

(c) Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean:

Memorandum of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (NPT/CONF.2015/5);

(d) Pacific Islands Forum secretariat:

Memorandum on activities relating to the South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone Treaty (Treaty of Rarotonga) (NPT/CONF.2015/7);

(e) African Union Commission:

Activities of the African Commission on Nuclear Energy relating to the African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty (NPT/CONF.2015/2);

(f) Malaysia on behalf of the States parties to the Treaty on the South-East Asia Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone:

Memorandum on activities relating to the Treaty on the South-East Asia Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone (NPT/CONF.2015/23);

(g) Kyrgyzstan in its capacity as the depositary of the Treaty on a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Central Asia:

Memorandum on activities of the Kyrgyz Republic in its capacity as the depositary of the Treaty on a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Central Asia (NPT/CONF.2015/4);

(h) Mongolia:

Memorandum from Mongolia regarding the consolidation of its international security and nuclear-weapon-free status (NPT/CONF.2015/8).

Organization of the Conference

5. The Conference was opened on 27 April 2015 at United Nations Headquarters by the Chair of the third session of the Preparatory Committee, Mr. Enrique Roman-Morey (Peru). In accordance with the practice of previous review conferences, Mr. Roman-Morey also introduced the final report of the Preparatory Committee. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 27 April 2015, the Conference elected by acclamation Ms. Taous Feroukhi (Algeria) as its President. The Conference unanimously confirmed the nomination of Mr. Thomas Markram, Office for Disarmament Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat, as Secretary-General of the Conference.

6. Also at the 1st plenary meeting, Mr. Jan Eliasson, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, and Mr. Yukiya Amano, Director General of IAEA, addressed the Conference.

7. At the same meeting, the Conference adopted its agenda as recommended by the Preparatory Committee (NPT/CONF.2015/1, annex IV), as set out below.

Agenda

1. Opening of the Conference by the Chair of the third session of the Preparatory Committee.
2. Election of the President of the Conference.
3. Statement by the President of the Conference.
4. Address by the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

5. Address by the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

6. Submission of the final report of the Preparatory Committee.

7. Adoption of the rules of procedure.

8. Election of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Main Committees, the Drafting Committee and the Credentials Committee.

9. Election of Vice-Presidents.

10 Credentials of representatives to the Conference:

   (a) Appointment of the Credentials Committee;

   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.

11. Confirmation of the nomination of the Secretary-General.

12. Adoption of the agenda.

13. Programme of work.

14. Adoption of arrangements for meeting the costs of the Conference.

15. General debate.

16. Review of the operation of the Treaty, as provided for in its article VIII (3), taking into account the decisions and the resolution adopted by the 1995 Review and Extension Conference, the Final Document of the 2000 Review Conference and the conclusions and recommendations for follow-on actions of the 2010 Review Conference:

   (a) Implementation of the provisions of the Treaty relating to non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, disarmament and international peace and security:

      (i) Articles I and II and preambular paragraphs 1 to 3;

      (ii) Article VI and preambular paragraphs 8 to 12;

      (iii) Article VII with specific reference to the main issues in (a) and (b);

   (b) Security assurances:

      (i) United Nations Security Council resolutions 255 (1968) and 984 (1995);

      (ii) Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons;

   (c) Implementation of the provisions of the Treaty relating to non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, safeguards and nuclear-weapon-free zones:

      (i) Article III and preambular paragraphs 4 and 5, especially in their relationship to article IV and preambular paragraphs 6 and 7;

(ii) Articles I and II and preambular paragraphs 1 to 3 in their relationship to articles III and IV;

(iii) Article VII;

(d) Implementation of the provisions of the Treaty relating to the inalienable right of all parties to the Treaty to develop research, production and use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes without discrimination and in conformity with articles I and II:

(i) Articles III (3) and IV, preambular paragraphs 6 and 7, especially in their relationship to article III (1), (2) and (4) and preambular paragraphs 4 and 5;

(ii) Article V;

(e) Other provisions of the Treaty.

17. Role of the Treaty in the promotion of non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and of nuclear disarmament in strengthening international peace and security and measures aimed at strengthening the implementation of the Treaty and achieving its universality.

18. Reports of the Main Committees.

19. Consideration and adoption of Final Document(s).

20. Any other business.

8. It also adopted the allocation of items to the three Main Committees of the Conference as proposed by the Preparatory Committee (NPT/CONF.2015/1, annex V). At its 8th plenary meeting, on 30 April 2015, the Conference decided that disarmament education and institutional issues would be dealt with by Main Committee I and Main Committee III, respectively (NPT/CONF.2015/DEC.1).

9. Also at its opening meeting, the Conference adopted its rules of procedure as recommended by the Preparatory Committee (NPT/CONF.2015/1, annex III).

10. The rules of procedure provided for the establishment of a General Committee, three Main Committees, a Drafting Committee and a Credentials Committee.

11. The Conference unanimously elected the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the three Main Committees, the Drafting Committee and the Credentials Committee, as follows:

Main Committee I

Chair:

Mr. Enrique Roman-Morey (Peru)

Vice-Chairs:

Mr. Henk Cor van der Kwast (Netherlands)
Mr. Andrej Logar (Slovenia)

Main Committee II

Chair:

Mr. Cristian Istrate (Romania)

Vice-Chairs:
Mr. Toshiro Ozawa (Japan)
Mr. Sadiq Marafi (Kuwait)

Main Committee III

Chair:
Mr. David Stuart (Australia)

Vice-Chairs:
Mr. Julio Bravo (Chile)
Mr. Kanat Tumysh (Kazakhstan)

Drafting Committee

Chair:
Vladimir Drobnjak (Croatia)

Vice-Chair:
Mr. André Sobral Cordeiro (Portugal)

Credentials Committee

Chair:
Mr. Mohamed Alhakim (Iraq)

Vice-Chairs:
Mr. Pawel Radomski (Poland)
Mr. Matthew Rowland (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

12. The Conference unanimously elected 28 Vice-Presidents from the following States parties: Bulgaria, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Guatemala, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Japan, Malaysia, Morocco, Nigeria, Philippines, Poland, Republic of Korea, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic and Thailand.

13. The Conference appointed, on the proposal of the President, the following States parties as members of the Credentials Committee: Bulgaria, Chile, Croatia, Kyrgyzstan, Norway and Viet Nam.

14. The Credentials Committee held two meetings and, on 19 May 2015, adopted its report to the Conference on the credentials of representatives to the Conference (NPT/CONF.2015/CC/1/Rev.1). At its 15th plenary meeting, on 22 May 2015, the Conference took note of the report.

15. In accordance with rule 34 of the rules of procedure, the Conference decided at its 8th meeting, on 30 April 2015, to establish, for the duration of the 2015 Review Conference, subsidiary bodies under Main Committee I, Main Committee II and Main Committee III, respectively, and that:

(a) Subsidiary body 1 would be chaired by Mr. Benno Laggner (Switzerland) and would examine nuclear disarmament and security assurances;

(b) Subsidiary body 2 would be chaired by Mr. Juan Ignacio Morro Villacián (Spain) and would examine regional issues, including with respect to the Middle East and implementation of the 1995 Middle East resolution;

(c) Subsidiary body 3 would be chaired by Mr. Kairat Abdrakhmanov (Kazakhstan) and would examine peaceful uses of nuclear energy and other provisions of the Treaty and improving the effectiveness of the strengthened review process.

16. The Conference also decided that the subsidiary bodies would be open-ended and hold at least four meetings within the overall time allocated to the Main Committees, to be held in private, and that the outcome of their work would be reflected in the report of their respective Main Committee to the Conference.

Participation in the Conference

17. A total of 161 States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons participated in the Conference, as follows: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Holy See, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, State of Palestine, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

18. In accordance with paragraph 1 of rule 44 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, Israel participated in the Conference as an observer.

19. The United Nations and IAEA participated in the Conference in accordance with paragraph 2 of rule 44.

20. In accordance with paragraph 3 of rule 44, the following observer agencies participated in the Conference: the African Union, the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean, the Brazilian-Argentine

Agency for Accounting and Control of Nuclear Materials, the European Union, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the League of Arab States, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization.

21. One hundred and seven non-governmental organizations participated in the Conference, in accordance with paragraph 4 of rule 44.

22. A list of all delegations to the Conference, including States parties, observers, the United Nations and IAEA, observer agencies and research institutes and non-governmental organizations, is contained in Part III of the present document.

Financial arrangements

23. At its 15th plenary meeting, the Conference decided to adopt the cost-sharing formula proposed by the Preparatory Committee in the appendix to rule 12 of the rules of procedure. The final schedule of costs as contained in document NPT/CONF.2015/47 was based on the actual participation of States parties in the Conference.

Work of the Conference

24. The Conference held 15 plenary meetings between 27 April and 22 May 2015, when it concluded its work.

25. The general debate in plenary, in which 121 statements were made by States parties in their national capacities or on behalf of various groups, was held from 27 April to 1 May 2015 (see NPT/CONF.2015/INF/3/Rev.4). In accordance with the decision of the Conference, four observer specialized agencies and international and regional intergovernmental organizations also addressed the Conference.

26. In accordance with the decision of the Conference, non-governmental organizations addressed the Conference on 30 April 2015.

27. The Main Committees and their respective subsidiary bodies held meetings between 1 and 18 May 2015. Their reports were issued, respectively, as documents NPT/CONF.2015/MC.I/1, NPT/CONF.2015/MC.II/1 and NPT/CONF.2015/MC.III/1.

Documentation

28. A list of the documents of the Conference and the texts thereof are contained in Part II of the present document.

Conclusions of the Conference

29. Despite intensive consultations, the Conference was not able to reach agreement on the substantive part of the draft Final Document, as contained in NPT/CONF.2015/R.3. At its 15th and final plenary meeting, on 22 May 2015, the Conference adopted the procedural part of the draft Final Document on the organization and work of the Conference as contained in document NPT/CONF.2015/R.2, as orally amended. The contents of the Final Document are as follows:

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